



Technodent of Aruba is a forerunner in providing the latest technology in dental restoration

On Friday, Igor Alphonso Croes, Jr, Managing Director of Technodent, and his brother Mark were proud to welcome a gathering of dentists from Aruba, Curacao and parts of Latin America for an introduction to the latest in technology regarding dental replacements and restorations in the Buena Vista room at the Westin Aruba Resort.

Addressing the gathering were Maureen Cosgrove of Lincoln Dental Supply in Modesto, California and Scott Parsinen South Central Territory Manager of Etkon in Arlington, Texas.

Etkon is the laboratory that manufactures the foundations for dental implants and replacement, which is now using space age technology to provide greater comfort and quality to the consumer. Lincoln provides the advanced machines and materials that allow a company like Technodent to use accurate computer mapping of patients' mouths, and then apply the fine finishing touches to dentures that make them attractive and comfortable.

Technodent is a company that has been making specialised orthodontic pieces for over forty years, established by Igor's father, Alphonso Senior in 1962. Scott, who's family used to own Etkon, but now enjoys his managerial position, stated that he was amazed to hear from "a distant little island in the Caribbean" about the newest technology in dental care, while it was still emerging from research laboratories in Europe. "Even in the States, we were still unfamiliar with these new materials and techniques, and I was getting a request for them from Aruba." Technodent has the distinction of being the only company in the Latin American and Caribbean regions to offer the computer designed orthodontics, and ceramics with zirconium oxide bases that comprise what will be the future of this industry. "As gold becomes too expensive, and mercury is realized as not acceptable a medium, the new materials that are devised for use in space programs are being employed for bone replacements and finally making their way to the dental industry," revealed Scott Parsinen. "Not only do they look more natural, but they are far more comfortable and durable."

On display for industry professionals at the Westin were the new machines recently acquired by Technodent for computer scanning and there was a presentation of the process, which allows the information to be transmitted electronically to the Etkon labs in Texas. Within a day or two, the new foundations are ground from zirconium oxide and sent overnight to Aruba. This new process reduces the time for a patient in a rather distant outpost such as Aruba to receive their new dentures drastically, expediting a process that often took well over a month to just a few days. Arubans are also fortunate to have the technicians capable of adjustments on-island, guaranteeing almost immediate satisfaction with their new orthodontics, which usually need to be "fine-tuned."

Though dental professionals mostly attended Friday's presentation, the subject was something that affects most of the population as they grow older, or if they are the victims of accidents. The startling new technology offered by Technodent is revolutionizing the orthodontic industry worldwide, and an Aruban company is in the forefront of offering it to its clients. For more information on the latest advances in orthodontics, talk to your dentist or contact Technodent at 584-7995 or visit their website:

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